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Depressed classes representation in the Cuddalore taluk board.

730 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of nominated members in the Cuddalore taluk board and how many of them are non-Brahmans ;

(b) whether there was a representative of the depressed classes on this board at any time, and whether there is one now ;

(c) the reason why no representation is given to the depressed classes on this board ;

(d) whether it is a fact that a nominated member resigned his seat on that board in August last ; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the President of the district board nominated one Mr. Palaniandy Chetti to the said vacancy ?

A.—Members of taluk boards are appointed by the president of the district board. The hon. Member may address the President in the matter.

Election of the president of Wallajabad union board.

731 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that one Mr. Gopal Nayudu, the outgoing president of the union board, Wallajabad, issued a circular to all the members of the union that a meeting would be held on 1st April 1922 for the election of the president of the union ;

(2) whether it is a fact that the members assembled that day at the appointed hour for the meeting ;

(3) whether it is a fact that he locked up the doors of the union office and posted a peon at the gate to inform all the members that the meeting would be convened only after the arrival of the president of the taluk board, who was expected to be present ;

(4) whether it is a fact that Mr. Gopal Nayudu himself did not turn up, even though he was sent for ;

(5) whether it is a fact that the members present were obliged to hold the meeting on the pial of the office and conduct the proceedings ;

(6) whether it is a fact that Mr. Abdur Rahim Khan Sahib Bahadur, Member of the Legislative Council, was elected president of the union board ; and

(7) whether it is a fact that Mr. Gopal Nayudu refused to hand over charge to Mr. Abdur Rahim Khan Sahib Bahadur ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Appointment of Government pleaders and public prosecutors.

732 Q.—Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 59 and the supplementary question thereto asked by me at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 12th September 1922—

(a) who appoints Government pleaders and public prosecutors in each district ;

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(b) who submits to Government the list of candidates suitable for such appointments in each district;

(c) whether in any of these lists the names of Muhammadans were ever included during the last ten years;

(d) why no information is available in the Secretariat; and

(e) whether papers relating to such appointments are transferred to the districts for custody or are retained in the Madras Government Secretariat office?

A.—(a) & (b) Government pleaders and public prosecutors are usually appointed by the Government on the nomination of the District Magistrate made in consultation with the Sessions Judge.

(c) Yes, on one or two occasions.

(d) The answer to question No. 59 only referred to information as regards the names of gentlemen considered by Collectors and District Magistrates before making their nominations.

(e) They are retained in the Secretariat.

Representation of Ceded districts among Deputy Inspectors and Sub-Assistant Inspectors.

733 Q.—MR. K. SARABHA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state with the help of statistics—

(a) how many persons from the subordinate branch of the educational service were recommended by inspectors in the Ceded districts for appointment as Deputy Inspectors;

(b) how many such persons are natives of the Ceded districts;

(c) the names of the qualified graduates who are natives of the Ceded districts with the total service and the present pay of each individual; and

(d) the total number of vacancies in the cadre of sub-assistants during the year 1921–22 and the number of appointments made from among the natives of the Ceded districts to fill up those vacancies?

A.—The Government have no information, but will call for it.

Irrigation projects relating to Ceded districts.

734 Q.—MR. K. SARABHA REDDI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any projects were taken up for execution in the Presidency during the years commencing from 1918; and

(b) whether any projects relating to the Ceded districts were pending consideration from 1918 onwards; if so, how many were taken up and how many were abandoned with specific reasons for the latter?

A.—(a) No fresh schemes were taken up for execution from 1918 onwards, but several projects already in progress of execution were continued.

(b) A statement giving the information asked for is laid on the table.*